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In regards to the Microspft antitrust case:

In short, I'm against it. It doesn't go far enough.

The longer version:

Microsoft is a highly successful company, and has achevied a large part of that success through making a good product and a well thought out marketing strategy. However, they have contaminated that time-honored and purely capitalist strategy with predatory tactics. Their focus on secrecy has led us to exceptionally insecure systems, and their focus on maintaining their monopoly has led them to restricting OEMs from shipping with competitor's prodicts, and their focus on increasing their capital has led them to seek out and destroy new, competing technology before it enters the marketplace.

This goes against both the spirit of capitalism and the letter of the law. The filing of lawsuits has not changed their practices, they continue as before, and will continue as before after this settlement is enacted. Please reconsider, and increase the restrictions placed on Microsoft. Their practices decrease comptition, with is the driving force of our innovation.